Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Robert George "Bob" Barden and Joann Ruth Trotts exchanged their wedding vows on June 7, 1958, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, The newlywed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Bob and Joann have shared their love with their two children, Andrew and Stephanie, and their families; and,

Whereas, Following Bob's 2 years of service in the U.S. Navy, Bob's dental practice brought him and Joann to the Pierre area in July 1961, where Joann worked by his side for many of the 42 years as Dr. Barden provided superb dental care to a volume of patients; and,

Whereas, Bob served as president of the South Dakota Dental Association, and in that capacity he and Joann represented the state well at state, regional, and national meetings, and have served the Pierre area through their volunteer service to local schools, Meals on Wheels, Capital City Children's Chorus, Rotary International, and Pierre Players; and,

Whereas, Bob and Joann have been active members of the Pierre First United Methodist Church through numerous administrative and committee leadership roles, as leaders of the Disciple Bible Study series, and more recently as board members of the Dakotas Walk to Emmaus; and,

Whereas, Bob and Joann will celebrate their 50th Anniversary with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as friends and family gather on June 8, 2008, and it is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognize and commemorate the memorable occasions in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 7, 2008, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State